



Waco ISD SHAC Minutes
November 16, 2021

Discussion was held online by Zoom and began at 12:00.

Members present: Yolanda Williams, Kyle DeBeer, Larryl Curtis, Tamaya Browder, Jaylon Alley, ZyKira Davis, Kayla Mize, Dr. Susan Kincannon, Dr. Rachele Warren, Beth Olson, Jessilynn Mixson, David Jacinto, Julia Pennington, Paula Solano, Heather Lewis, Pam Fisher, Kristen Bulk

1. Introductions of Members- Suzanne Hamilton opened the meeting with a quick introduction of members and welcome.
2. CNS: Wellness Policy (Surveys & Menus) - Julia Pennington gave a brief overview on what is happening in her department, Thanksgiving lunches are wrapping up this week, November and December menus are being updated. She did state that product availability is a problem. The APP is now available for all that shows the menus. Also in January, surveys will be going out to the students to fill out to identify items that are their favorites so that they can showcase those more often.
3. COVID Update: Vaccines- Kyle Debeer briefed the committee as to how many COVID cases and tests that were given during the first 6 weeks of school. He also discussed our partnership with the health district, and how it is allowing us to host multiple vaccination clinics at different Waco ISD locations. He did talk briefly about our mask mandate and that on the legal side we are in a good place that allows us to continue using this as one of our tools to prevent the spread of the virus. A link to the Waco ISD COVID Dashboard was given. Mrs. Hamilton also shared where to find information on our website for student health services and student services and support and where to find information on SHAC. Rhiannon Settles also gave a brief overview of how many vaccines were given along with the help of Ascension and the health department.
4. Overview of Member Responsibilities & legislative Updates- Suzanne Hamilton showed a short video that she and Peter Rusek, our in house counsel created about the responsibilities of SHAC members and explained SHACs role in school decisions. The legislative updates was also included in the video.
5. Mental Health & Wellness Update- Ms. Williams introduced our new SEL Coordinators, Julianne Heldt and Sara Miller. Ms. Williams discussed all of the different areas that are being addressed in working with our school counselors in order to have a fully balanced school counseling program, these areas are based on recommendations from the American school counseling association and Texas school counselor association, and they are guidance curriculum, responsive services, individual planning and system support. Another area that is being addressed with counselors and principles is a renewed emphasis on social and emotional learning and social emotional health for our students and staff. They are in the process of hiring a licensed professional counselor who will be accessible for all Waco ISD staff members.
6. Questions and Comments
 - a. Paula Solano- how can the community support our educators and school system thinking about the restorative cart? We would absolutely love any type of support, there is a member of Blue Cross & Blue shield on the committee and they are starting to brainstorm on some ideas that the community and business community can support this.
 - b. Mrs. Hamilton- asked if anyone on the committee would be willing to be a co-chair that is a parent or knows a parent that would be willing to serve please email her. She went over when the next meeting will be and what subject matter they will be looking at over the next year and that she will be sending invites out.
7. Adjournment- Dr. Warren expressed to the committee how they are looking forward to hearing their thoughts and opinions in the months ahead. She adjourned the meeting at 1:55p.m.

The next SHAC meeting will be February 17, 2022 at 12:00 in the WISD Board Room.